

STATEMENT AND INTERROGATION OF MARTIN L. MC AULIFFE, JR.
IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ON TUESDAY, MAY 9,
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ARCACHA mentioned that BILL DALZELL and some of the other Americans who had been hanging around the Front office suggested starting a new group which Americans could join to be called "Friends of Democratic Cuba". (The Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front was a group headed by ARCACHA-SMITH consisting of Cubans and the Friends of Democratic Cuba was a group which consisted of Americans and which worked hand and hand with the Cuban Revolutionary Front.)

DALZELL asked me if I would be willing to let them use my name on the letterhead. Next thing I knew I was down as President of the organization. The group was in existence for about four or five weeks after its inception which was January 9, 1961.

After this happens I went over to see the man I had been contacting at the FBI; a man who used the name MR. CALL. I was never sure that this really was his name. I explained to MR. CALL that I noted what might be conflicts between my heading up the American group at the same time that I was handling the propaganda for the Cuban Revolutionary Front. There could be a conflict of interest at some point. He indicated to me that he thought it would be better if I did take the Presidency because that way I would know what was going on.

All the group did then was to get some furniture into a downstairs office in the Balter Building and we had a few meetings but the people who came to those meetings mainly were Cubans from the Cuban Revolutionary Front. We actually never really had many American members. We had no formal membership card. The only thing the Friends of Democratic Cuba ever did really was to shake cans on Mardi Gras Day on Canal Street once.

About four or five maybe six weeks after the thing was started I was called over to the FBI office and MR. CALL told me to dissolve the organization. When I asked him for a reason to give the people he told me simply to tell them it was in violation of the law in working with a foreign power and if we didn't dissolve they might be arrested. I went back and told them the organization was through.

When I was first contacted by ARCACHA and asked if I wanted to handle publicity for the Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front which was organized in November or December, 1960, I called ADMIRAL WARDER, who was then Commandant of the 8th Naval District, who was a roommate of mine when we were at Annapolis. I asked him to check with his Naval Intelligence man to find out if it was all right for me to work with these people or not. The Naval Intelligence man then contacted me and set up an appointment with a man at the FBI who used the name MR. CALL. From that time forward until after the Bay of Pigs whenever I had anything to report to the FBI or whenever I was contacted by them the man was always the man I described as MR. CALL.

Q. Can you give us a physical description of MR. CALL?

A. The one outstanding feature he had was very light blue eyes -- extremely light blue eyes. I would guess he was somewhat taller than I am -- maybe 5'10" or 5'11". He was not heavy-set. He had the kind of leathery sort of face that someone who has served in the Navy a long time has. He had black hair, as I remember it. It was not patent leather black hair, perhaps a little kinky -- though not really.

My last contact with these people was made in the summer of 1961 about two months after the Bay of Pigs when I received a call from Admiral Warder who suggested that I should no longer have the contact with the Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front.

Some of the people who were in ARCACHA'S company before the Bay of Pigs were DR. DELHAYA and a MENENDEZ, perhaps LOUIS. Also a big, husky Latin type who was with the Honduras Revolutionary Front.

After the Bay of Pigs he was constantly in the company of CARLOS LOPEZ, JULIO BUZNADO and ENRIQUE SAGAS.

Q. Do you know GERARD TUJAGUE?

A. No. There were a number of Americans who were neighbors or friends of ARCACHA'S whose names I don't remember that I have met. He may have been one of those. There was one man who was American but his wife was Cuban but I don't remember their names.

Q. Do you know GRADY DURHAM? His wife JUNE DURHAM?

A. No. At least I don't remember the names.

Q. Did you say that you were aware that the Cuban Revolutionary Front and the Friends of Democratic Cuba were working with the FBI?

A. Yes. I was aware that the FBI was supervising the Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front. As far as the Friends of Democratic Cuba is concerned, I know of the conversations which I have already described. If they had more control than that I don't know.

Q. Are you aware that in January, 1961 a person by the name of JOSEPH MOORE and another person by the name of OSWALD attempted to purchase ten trucks from Bolton Ford?

A. I was not aware of that.

Q. Did you ever hear ARCACHA claim that the CIA was involved in either the Cuban Revolutionary Front or the Friends of Democratic Cuba?

A. He always said that the CIA had approved the Revolutionary Front and was supervising the invasion.

Q. Are you familiar with the Neptune Shipping Company? Have you ever heard the name of CAPTAIN ANDY mentioned in connection with the Neptune Shipping Company?

A. No.

Q. While working with the Cuban Revolutionary Front did you ever have occasion to hear the name of CLAY SHAW mentioned?

A. No, I never did.

Q. In connection with your Cuban-type activities you have never had occasion to meet or hear the name of CLAY SHAW mentioned?

A. No. I met FERRIE once. We had a fund-raising party prior to the Bay of Pigs. I think, at the Coffee House on Exchange Alley. The proceeds from the night's entertainment were to go to the Front. FERRIE showed up there which was the only time I saw him from the Bay of Pigs. I understand from what you all said that he became more active later.

Q. Did you have occasion to talk to him?

A. Only for a few minutes. Said he was a flyer and wanted to train flyers. My impression was that he wasn't allowed to do anything prior to the Bay of Pigs. He wanted to train flyers for the Front.

Q. In other words, his feelings were the same as the anti-Castro groups?

A. Yes. He wanted to do something but it was my impression that he was not accepted at that time. But, they could have been keeping something from me.

Q. Do you know of any activity across the lake for training purposes.

A. No. It was my impression that RODRIQUEZ (RODRIQUEZ was local head of MRP - Movement Revolutionary Popular) -- it was my impression that he leaked the story to Bill Slatter of a training camp across the lake. The national head of MRP was MANALO RAY. Under Eisenhower the Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front was the main Cuban revolutionary organization. When Kennedy took over it was re-organized into the Revolutionary Council which included all groups. I informed Slatter that there were no such camps, but it is my opinion that if there were any camps going on at the time they were being conducted by the MRP and not the Revolutionary Front.

Q. Did you ever have occasion to meet WILLIAM CRAIS?

A. I may have but I can't tell by the name.